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1. The following information on Soviet Zone border police along the Polish border was secured:

2. Border police in the Province of Brandenburg.

a. "Grenzpolizei-Ost (Abschnitt Nord)"

The "Grenzpolizei-Ost (Abschnitt Nord)" (Border Police-East (Division-North)) includes the "Grenzpolizei Bereitschaftsstab" (border police area headquarters) in BAD FRIEDENWALDE (N 53/V 29), to which the "Grenzpolizei-kommandanturen" (border police sector headquarters) in STOLPE (N 54/Q 20) and LUTSCHIN (N 53/V 47) are assigned.

b. The STOLPE border police sector headquarters controlled the following border police stations:

GATOW (Q 54/Q 42)
 SCHWEDT (N 54/Q 31)
 STOLPE (N 54/Q 20)
 HOHENSEE (N 53/V 29)
 NEU-RUBENITZ (N 53/V 28)

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c. The LUTSCHIN border police sector headquarters controlled the following border police stations:

GUSTEF LEBE (N 53/V 38)
 GROSS NEUENDORF (O 53/V 57)
 GENSCHMAR (O 53/V 56)
 KUESTLIN (O 53/V 66)
 REITWEIN (O 53/V 65)
 LEBUS (O 53/V 64).

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Comment:

The approximate strength of the Soviet Zone border police along the border toward the Polish-occupied territory of eastern Germany may be calculated as follows:

(1) Border strip controlled by the BAD Police/ALDs border police area headquarters: About 37 miles

Border personnel: About 200 border police of two border sector headquarters with about 100 border police each.

(2) Entire length of the Soviet Zone border toward the Polish-occupied territory of eastern Germany: About 125 miles.

(3) It may thus be inferred that the mentioned border is guarded by about 1,000 border police.

(4) (a) This calculated figure, based on information of November 1948, is believed to be too low. The border police has been increased in the meantime, though probably to a lesser degree along the eastern border of the Soviet Zone of Germany than along its western border.

(b) The above calculation is subject to errors going with generalization.

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